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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 34 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A spun-laced poly(vinyl alcohol) fabric produced by a method comprising the consecutive steps of:

- a. supporting a plurality of poly(vinyl alcohol) fibers on a mesh screen to form a web;
- b. pressure liquid entangling the web; and
- c. drying the web,

wherein said poly(vinyl alcohol) has a degree of polymerization of from about 300 to about 5000.

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34. (Amended) A spun-laced fabric comprising a poly(vinyl alcohol) fibrous web, wherein:

- a. the fabric is non-woven;
- b. binding adhesives are substantially absent from the fabric;
- c. heat fusion is substantially absent from the fabric;
- d. needlepunching is substantially absent from the fabric;
- e. stitchbonding is substantially absent from the fabric; and
- f. the said poly(vinyl alcohol) has a degree of polymerization of from about 300 to about 5000.

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